

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **USDA Distributes Oral Rabies Vaccine in North and Southeast**

Greenville, T.N., September 28, 2010 – Representatives from wildlife services (WS), a program within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and state cooperators will be available to discuss the state's oral rabies vaccination (ORV) bait distribution program.

- The Greeneville, Tenn. project will cover parts of North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia and distribute 716,850 baits by fixed-wing aircraft and 121,320 by hand; and
- The Albertville, Ala. project will cover parts of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee and distribute 648,000 baits by fixed-wing aircraft and 63,000 by hand.

Media representatives are invited to interview experts on wildlife rabies and view the fishmeal cube baits and coated sachets that are being distributed. For additional information concerning the raccoon oral rabies vaccine program, please visit

[www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife\\_damage/rabies.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/rabies.shtml).

*The bait drop schedule is highly dependent on weather conditions to accommodate aviation*

*Please call 1-866-4USDA-WS (1-866-487-3297) for date and time for interviews*

**WHAT:** WS ORV Field Coordinator Jordona Kirby is available to discuss the projects and display the baits.

**WHERE:**

Greene County Municipal Airport  
246 Airport Road  
Greeneville, TN 37745

Potential Media Event: Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am

Albertville Regional Airport  
300 Aldredge Drive  
Albertville, AL 35950

Potential Media Event: Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 am